

Weston Commission for Children and Youth
Minutes from the September 24, 2012 Meeting

In attendance: Charlene Monn, Charlene Hillman, Dawn Egan, Ellen Weyrauch, Lynn Philips, Stacy Kamisar, Jeff Drobner, Dan Doak
Student Commissioners: Emily Weyrauch, Jenna Klaassen
Guests: Tiffany Davidson, Jack Kerns, Julia Weisman, Allison Martins (past ADAP president)

Meeting called to order at 5:20 PM.

The May minutes were approved on a motion made by Dawn, and seconded by Jeff.

Charlene's Office Report

- Summer camp had a lower enrollment than last year. Camp ran very well.
- All-Star Driver has a new representative working with Weston.
- All-Star Driver summer program, energy fee waived by Doak and Graham
- There will be 7 sessions of All-Star Driver this school year.
- Going forward, central office will bill their energy fees/usage fees directly.
- Parent workshops have been running and have been very well received. They have been publicized via articles in The Forum, PTOs, Daily Voice, Weston Youth Services Facebook and website
- Fall WOW began previous Tuesday
 - Many are full with wait lists
 - Cancelled a few programs (Kindergarten crafts)
 - Questions of whether wait listed students should receive priority registration in a future session
 - High number of epipens (18!)
- We will keep track of this number, and see if adjustments need to be made in our policy if numbers continue to grow.
- Sitter safety program in the middle school starts October

Search for Youth Services Director

- Ongoing process
- Part-time position
- Jeff Drobner and Lynn Phillips represent the commission during this process.
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Planning for upcoming year

- Wellness week: around exams time
 - Wellness committee: representative from all four schools (Chartwells, Kim Kus included)
 - Wellness and nutrition to be highlighted
 - Difficult to do sessions like yoga—quicker things are better
- Family University grew out of Wellness Week (we will co-sponsor it!)
 - Start planning now!

- We should hear the feedback from last year
- Last year: well-attended by 8-10th grade but not 11-12th. This year the target group might be shifted to younger students pending discussion with Lois Pernice.

Commission Openings

- Doreen O'Leary will be taking a leave for the foreseeable future.
- Ideally we would like to have a representative from HES or WIS
- 2 student openings, 3 applicants
- We currently have openings for two adult commissioners
- We would like to have a representative from the Police Dept. attend meetings as possible. This representative would be ex-officio.

Other Business

- School board looking over strategic plan, close to being released.
- Pre-Prom assembly:
 - Need to define Youth Services role for the coming year
- The schools' relationship with ADAP, SafeRides and similar organizations—is good
 - The question is how to keep teens in town from getting in trouble with drinking on weekends
 - Programming has not been as successful as we would like
 - Teen center has been attempted, failed
 - Senior Lounge is very successful, open gym: kids do well with responsibility
 - Attempt a teen center again? With teen board and adult supervision
 - One event every month or two to provide alternatives for kids
 - It is important to get teens doing things
 - *Will revisit the conversation when we have a Director*
 - Parent programming—getting the message across that drinking is unsafe and illegal for minors
 - Mentorship programs with teens and younger kids
 - Talent show for High Schoolers and teens?

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM. Motion made by Lynn and seconded by Ellen.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Weyrauch